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25X1A 1. Cong. Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.) lunched at CIA today. The Director was present through part of the luncheon, and the other guests were Gen. Cabell, Mr. Amory, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Mr. Pforzheimer. Mr. Frelinghuysen indicated considerable interest in the forthcoming Clark report, and queried as to what steps we might take if the Task Force were to urge a Joint Committee on Intelligence. It is believed that Mr. Frelinghuysen opposes such an idea, but has no pertinent advice on this matter.

25X1A 2. Mr. Reynolds, the Director of Personnel, and I talked with Sen. Symington (D., Mo.) regarding the case of [redacted] who 25X1A entered on duty in January 1955 and resigned on 29 April. She had indicated to Sen. Symington that she did not like personnel work and did not see much prospect of getting out of it, and felt that she did not have a sufficient amount of work to do. Mr. Reynolds told the Senator that Miss [redacted] had originally been assigned to his office, had an excellent rating, was scheduled for promotion, and was highly thought of. Mr. Reynolds agreed that originally [redacted] did not have enough to do because she was in the Pool pending full clearance and there was, therefore, a limited amount which she could be assigned. Her exit interview was extremely favorable to the Agency, indicating that she might possibly wish to re-affiliate at a future date. Furthermore, there was some indication that her reasons for leaving for the West Coast may have been matrimonial. Sen. Symington was pleased to receive this information and appreciated our calling on him.

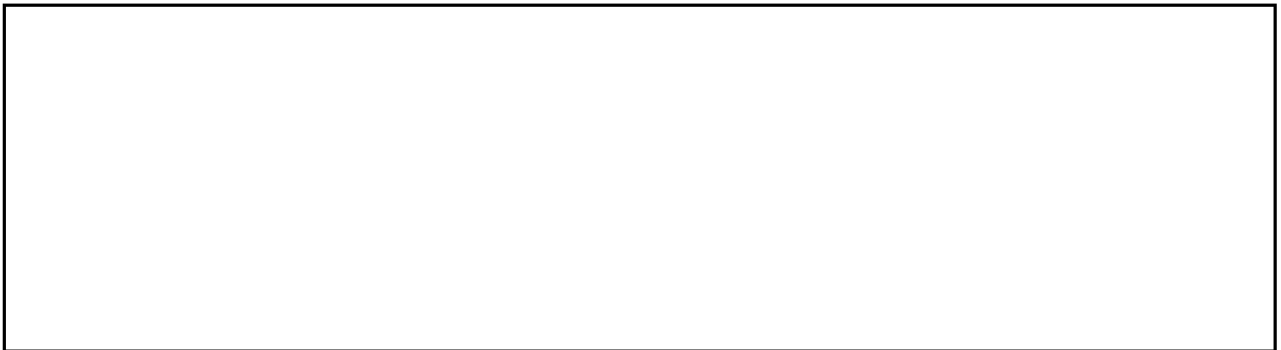
25X1A Sen. Symington mentioned to me how enjoyable his luncheon at CIA had been, and that he had been thinking that it would be helpful to have CIA testify on Soviet airplane strength. I said I did not think we wished to get involved in the controversy, and the Senator replied he was sure we did not and he had therefore surpressed his idea of having us called as witnesses.

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3. Mr. Reynolds and I stopped at the office of Sen. Green in connection with the case of [REDACTED] Mr. Higgins, the Senator's Administrative Assistant, was out of town, but in view of the long delay in delivering this letter due to the unavailability of the Senator, we left the Director's letter to the Senator for Mr. Higgins upon his return, and indicated we would be glad to discuss it further if necessary. 25X1A

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5. In connection with the request of Mr. O'Donnell, of the staff of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, for assistance in selecting witnesses from among American civilian returnees from Far East prisons, I talked with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Ben Brown to determine the departmental position. He said that the Department was screening the interrogation reports to try to select possible witnesses for the Subcommittee, and that they would cover CIA for the present. I told Mr. O'Donnell that I felt that this was a proper arrangement at this time, and he has agreed.

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